in April'92 to earmark 3 fixed days in a week for receiving applications, for a maximum quantity of 200 tonnes per application. This procedure was duly notified to all concerned. According to SECL, this system has proved to be effective in ensuring smooth operation of free sale.

(c) and (d) Coal under free sale scheme is sold to the applicants without any sponsorship. In any case, middlemen if any are appointed by consumers and not by coal companies. In case any specific case of corruption is brought to the notice of Government, it would be got enquired into as per rules.

Setting up of hardware technology parks

769. DR. SANJAYA SINH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have finalised the policy framework for the setting up of hardware technology parks in the country; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY, DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONICS AND DEPARTMENT OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. R. KUMARAMANGALAM): (a) and (b) A proposal to set up Electronic Hardware Technology Parks in different parts of the country is under consideration of the Government.

Fresh dialogue with new FIJI Government

770. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government propose to initiate fresh dialogue with the new Government of Fiji for betterment of Indians there;

(b) if so, the details of the steps being taken or already taken in the matter and with what result;

(c) whether any such talks for betterment of Indians have been held with any other country during 1991-92; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir. There has not been any proposal so far.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The Government remains alive to the interests and general welfare of Indians abroad. Indian Missions have been instructed to maintain close contacts with Overseas Indians and render them all possible assistance. Whenever necessary, the matter is discussed with the host Government.

Ban on LTTE in Sri Lanka

771. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Sri Lankan Government has stated in categorical terms that they would not like to ban LTTE in their country though the Government of India banned the LTTE activities in India; and

(b) whether it is a fact that the response from the Government of Sri Lanka is not encouraging in the former Prime Minister Shri Rajiv Gandhi's assassination case?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R. L. BHATIA): (a) On May 14, 1992 Government of India declared the LTTE as an unlawful association under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967. In this context, the Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, while speaking in Sri Lankan Parliament on May 21, stated that the Sri Lankan Government did not "wish to prejudge the issues and take precipitatory unilateral action".